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SUBJ: ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

1. PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GEORGE COLERIDGE-TAYLOR AND DEPUTY SECRETARY, MFA, EYA M'BAYO ARE DEPARTING FOR COLOMBO NAM AUGUST 5. FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH IS TO DEPART FOR COLOMBO AUGUST 8 TO ATTEND NAM FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING AND PRESIDENT STEVENS AND PERSONAL PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR COLOMBO SUMMIT MEETING AUGUST 12.

2. BOTH M'BAYO AND COLERIDGE-TAYLOR MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK TO EMBASSY COLOMBO OFFICERS. BELIEVE KATZEN MIGHT BE BEST BET SINCE HE VISITED HERE WITH SCRANTON IN JUNE AND IS CLOSE FRIEND OF DEPUTY SECRETARY, MFA, MRS. FAMA JOKA BANGURA. COLERIDGE-TAYLOR HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO EMBASSY IN PAST AND ROK EMBASSY RELIES HEAVILY ON M'BAYO. M'BAYO IS CHARGED WITH DRAFTING POSITION PAPERS AND SPEECHES FOR GOSL DELEGATION.

3. FROM VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HARRY WILLIAMS AND OTHERS UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT STEVENS WILL EXPRESS GOSL UNHAPPINESS THAT ONLY NORTH KOREA BECAME MEMBER OF NAC AND HE WILL ASK FOR A RE-EXAMINATION OF CRITERIA FOR

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NAC MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO WILL ASK NAM TO EXPEDITE PEACEFUL

RESOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM. GOSL WILL TRY TO AMEND PRESENT
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA DURING AMBASSADORIAL SESSION TO
MAKE IT MORE EVENHANDED. HOWEVER, M'BAYO CAUTIONED THAT HE
DOUBTED GOSL WOULD BE WILLING BREAK RANKS WITH REST OF NON-
ALIGNED ON FINAL COMMUNIQUE IF IT UNABLE EFFECT CHANGES.
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